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PRESS ADVISORY

****EVENT POSTPONED (DUE TO WEATHER) UNTIL NEXT WEEK****

Final Black History Month Celebration to be a Generational Journey Several D.C. Student Groups to Share Talents

WHAT: D.C. Courts Black History Month Celebration Finale –
“Passing the Torch: A Generational Journey”

WHERE: Moultrie Courthouse
Jurors’ Lounge – 3rd floor

WHEN: **Friday, March 4th** (please note the change in date)
Noon to 1:30 PM

WHO: Chief Judge Annice Wagner, D.C. Court of Appeals
Chief Judge Rufus King, D.C. Superior Court
Ballou Senior High School Choir
Jefferson Junior High School Choir
DCScores Poetry Slam! Team from Burville Elementary
Bowie State University Choir

In the final event of the D.C. Courts’ celebration of Black History Month 2005, several area student groups will share their talents as we celebrate African American heritage through the voices of the children in song, poetry and dance. Chief Judge Rufus King of the D.C. Superior Court will open this event, entitled “Passing the Torch: A Generational Journey,” and Chief Judge Annice Wagner of the D.C. Court of Appeals will close the event.

This event marks the finale of a series of events commemorating Black History Month 2005 at the D.C. Courts, beginning with “African American Firsts” with Dr. Charlene Drew Jarvis, D.C. leader and daughter of blood bank pioneer Dr. Charles Drew, on February 11th and “Personal Recollections of the Civil Rights Movement” on February 18th with Mrs. Mary Bolling, wife of the late Spottswood Thomas Bolling, lead plaintiff in the *Bolling v. Sharpe* which was the D.C. case packaged with others that led to the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Brown vs. Board of Education* in 1954.

